

1 AN ACT concerning public utilities.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8-301 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-301) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-301)

7 Sec. 8-301. Standards of service. The Commission shall
8 have power to ascertain, determine and fix for each kind of
9 public utility suitable and convenient standard commercial
10 units of service, product or commodity, which units shall be
11 lawful units for the purposes of this Act; to ascertain,
12 determine and fix adequate and serviceable standards for the
13 measurements of quantity, quality, pressure, initial voltage
14 or other condition pertaining to the performing of its
15 service or to the furnishing of its product or commodity by
16 any public utility, and to prescribe reasonable regulations
17 for examining, measuring and testing such service, product or
18 commodity, and to establish reasonable rules, regulations,
19 specifications and standards to secure the accuracy of all
20 meters and appliances for examining, measuring or testing
21 such service, product or commodity. The Commission shall
22 issue and implement rules establishing standards for the
23 calibration of natural gas meters and requiring those meters
24 to be calibrated at least once every 5 years. The Commission
25 may purchase such materials, apparatus and standard measuring
26 instruments as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions
27 of this Section.

28 The Commission shall provide for the inspection of the
29 manner in which every public utility conforms to the
30 reasonable regulations prescribed by the Commission for
31 examining, measuring and testing its service, product or

1 commodity, and the Commission may supplement such inspections
2 by examining, measuring and testing the service, product or
3 commodity of any public utility. Any consumer or user may
4 have tested any appliance for examining, measuring or testing
5 any such service, product or commodity upon payment of the
6 fees fixed by the Commission. The Commission shall declare
7 and establish reasonable fees to be paid for examining and
8 testing such appliances on the request of consumers or users,
9 the fee to be paid by the consumer or user at the time of his
10 request, but to be repaid to the consumer or user by the
11 public utility if the measuring appliance be found
12 unreasonably defective or incorrect to the disadvantage of
13 the consumer or user.

14 The Commission, its officers, agents, experts or
15 inspectors and employees shall have power to enter upon any
16 premises occupied by any public utility for the purpose of
17 making the examinations and tests provided in the Act, and
18 set up and use on such premises, any apparatus and appliances
19 and occupy reasonable space therefor.

20 All fees collected by the Commission under this Section
21 shall be paid promptly after the receipt of the same,
22 accompanied by a detailed statement of the same, into the
23 Public Utility Fund in the State treasury.

24 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.